Bombay-Nasik-Bombay evening flight of Vayudoot

2594. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government propose to start Bombay-Nasik-Bombay evening service of Vayudoot on the lines of the one in the morning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): At present there is no such proposal under consideration.

Import of Rail Track Grinding Machine

2595. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have since ordered Rail Track Grinding Machine for improving existing rail tracks;

(b) if so, what is the name of foreign company, country of origin, and the cost in foreign exchange for the purpose of this machine;

(c) whether the Railways had a counter offer from a world famous Swiss Co. which was willing to supply a more efficient similar machine, on Swiss Credit; and

(d) what are the reasons for which the Railways decided to spend foreign exchange and not avail of the Swiss Soft Loan Credit?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. LORAM Maintenance of Way INC, U.S.A. Rs. 2,46,48,776 (CIF).

(c) and (d) A post tender offer dated 24-2-88 was received from M/s. Speno International, Switzerland. This being a post tender offer, no cognizance could be given to it as per extant rules.

कैंसर के कारण हुई मौतें

2596. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कैंसर के कारण मरने वाले व्यक्तियों की प्रतिवर्ष औसत संख्या कितनी है ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस रोग से पीड़ित व्यक्तियों की संख्या बढ़ रही है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे) : (क) भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद की राष्ट्रीय कैंसर रजिस्ट्री परियोजना के आंकड़ों से यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि देश में हर वर्ष करीब-करीब 3 लाख व्यक्ति कैंसर से मर जाते हैं ;

(ख) राष्ट्रीय कैंसर रजिस्ट्री परियोजना की जनसंख्या पर आधारित कैंसर रजिस्ट्रियों के आंकड़ों से वर्ष 1982 से 1985 तक की कैंसर की घटनाओं में कोई बड़ा परिवर्तन नजर नहीं आता है ।

D.T.C. buses

2597. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new buses added to the fleet of D.T.C. during 1987-88 as compared to the number of buses added during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) what is the total number of D.T.C. buses which are presently on road stating the number of buses which have been condemned and those which have been withdrawn from operation for repairs;

(c) what is the estimated annual expenditure incurred on the repairs and maintenance of these buses;

(d) what is the number of private buses deployed on D.T.C. routes; and